



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action and Notice of Public Hearing

June 27, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application to renew and modify Groundwater Discharge Permit NEV60025 for a discharge from the following applicant:

Douglas County Community Development
North Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility
P.O Box 218
Minden, Douglas County, Nevada 89423

The North Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Heybourne Road, north of Stephanie Lane, Latitude 39° 03' 21" North, Longitude 119° 45' 39" West, Minden, Douglas County, Nevada 89423, treats sanitary wastes to secondary treatment standards with denitrification using a Biolac™ Aeration system prior to chlorine disinfection. The existing system is designed to operate at a maximum capacity of 0.45 million gallons per day (MGD) and discharges treated effluent to the Incline Village General Improvement District Wetlands. Waste activated sludge is accumulated in on-site storage ponds for dewatering prior to off-site disposal. Modifications requested include an increase in flow from 0.45 MGD, 30-day average and daily maximum to 1.0 MGD, 30-day average and daily maximum (Phase II expansion, includes odor control; headworks; second treatment pond; solids disposal; and "Wave-Ox" system for nitrification/denitrification); the addition of a pilot rapid infiltration basin (RIB) of approximately 2.59 acres (surface area; with expansion area available for three additional RIBs) for effluent disposal; the addition of a lined effluent storage basin of approximately 39.67 acres (surface area), 13.5 feet in depth and 434.2 acre feet (AF) maximum holding capacity; and two additional re-use (irrigation) sites, the Bently Kirman Tract (approximately 275 acres) and on-site landscape irrigation and on-site dust control and construction use.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes as amended and implementing regulations, the Division has made a tentative determination to issue (renew with modification) the proposed permit to discharge for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Division pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code-Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. on July 28, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

All comments or objections received by 5:00 PM on July 28, 2007 will be considered in the formulation of final determination regarding the application.

The Administrator has determined that a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit has been expressed and that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday August 1, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. The public hearing will be held at the following location:

Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street
Room 3138
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Members of the public wishing to comment upon the proposed permit and/or to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit are invited to attend the meeting and provide comments and information that are pertinent to the Nevada Groundwater Discharge Permit. Comments not related to water quality issues cannot be considered. The Division may set a five-minute time limit for oral statements based on the number of people in attendance who would like to comment. Comments should also be submitted in writing to be fully addressed in the Notice of Decision. Comments and information may be submitted by interested persons through the close of the hearing.

Comments and information submitted to the Division, other than those to be presented at the hearing, must be received by 5:00 P.M. August 1, 2007, at the following address:

ATTN: Jim Hogan
Division of Environmental Protection
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All comments and information received in writing during the public hearing will be considered in the final determination regarding this draft permit.

The application and all documents subsequent thereto are on file at the Division's office in Carson City and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 239.010 and NRS 445A.665. For additional information please contact Jim Hogan, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at 775.687.9434, or at jhogan@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is 775.687.4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

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